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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 8-11, 16, 17, 19-21, 34-36, 39-42, 44-48, 50, 52, and 55-69 are pending in the application. Claims 56-59, 61-64, and 66-69 have been amended to correct their dependencies. These amendments add no new matter.

Allowed Claims

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement at pages 1 and 4 of the Office Action that claims 1, 2, 8-11, 16, 17, 19-21, 34-36, 39-42, 44-48, 50, 52 55, 60, and 65 are allowed. As detailed herein, rejected claims 56-59, 61-64, and 66-69 are believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the amendments presented herein.

Objection to the Specification

At pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the amendment filed on October 28, 2002, as allegedly introducing new matter into the disclosure. As detailed in a prior response, applicants do not agree that the amendment to the specification introduced new matter. However, in the interests of furthering prosecution and because the amendment affects neither the written description nor enablement of the claimed invention, applicants have amended the specification to remove the material added by the amendment of October 28, 2002. In light of these amendments, applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

At page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 56-59, 61-64, and 66-69 as allegedly indefinite as depending from cancelled claims. Claims 56-59, 61-64, and 66-69 have been amended to require that they depend from pending claim 55 (claims 56-59), claim 60 (claims 61-64), or claim 65 (claims 66-69). In view of these amendments, applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

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Conclusions

Applicants ask that all claims be allowed in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

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